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LETTER AFTER APPEAL

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In an Action mailed December 15, 2000, Examiner A. Johns made a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of certain claims in application 09/342,972 over claims pending in the present application. Accordingly, after resolution of the pending appeal, the Examiner may wish to consider claims issuing from the '972 application as grounds for a possible double-patent rejection in this case.

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